

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 39 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 5, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 22 have been amended. New claims 40 – 42 have been added. No new matter has been added by the amendments. Consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify the claim language. The claim has not been narrowed in any way.

Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to change their dependency to new claim 40. Support for claim 40 is found in paragraph [0027]. Claims 2 and 3 have not been narrowed in any way.

Claim 5 has been amended to correct a typographic error. Claim 5 have not been narrowed in any way.

Claim 15 has been amended to correct a typographic error. Claim 15 has not been narrowed in any way.

Independent claim 16 has been amended to clarify the claim language. Claim 16 has not been narrowed in any way.

Claims 17 and 18 have been amended to change their dependency to new claim 42. Support for claim 42 is found in paragraph [0027].

There were two claims numbered as claim 22 in the application as filed. The latter of the two has been renumbered as claim 23,

New claims 40 – 42 have been added. Support for claims 40 and 42 is in

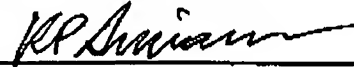
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paragraph [0027] of the application. New claim 41 includes limitations in originally filed claim 1.

Consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due for these amendments to Deposit Account No. 02-0429 (584-35597).

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Respectfully submitted,



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